CLAIMS:

5 What is claimed is:

1. A method of storing data into two incompatibly formatted storage systems comprising the steps of:

10 determining whether the data is to be stored into the two incompatibly formatted storage systems; and

forwarding the data to the two incompatibly formatted 15 storage systems for storage if so determined, each one of the two incompatibly formatted storage systems being managed by a logical volume manager (LVM).

2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the determining step is 20 performed by one of the two LVMs.

3. The method of Claim 2 wherein the forwarding step is performed by the LVM performing the determining step.

25 4. The method of Claim 3 wherein the data is forwarded to the other LVM.

5. A method of storing data into two incompatibly formatted storage systems comprising the steps of:

30 forwarding the data to a first logical volume manager (LVM), the first LVM determining whether the data is to

be stored into the two incompatibly formatted storage systems; and

forwarding the data to a second LVM for storage if so
5   determined.

6.   The method of Claim 5 wherein the forwarding step is performed by the first LVM.

10   7.   A method of reading data from an incompatibly formatted storage system comprising the steps of:

     requesting the data from the incompatibly formatted storage system;

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     converting the data into a compatible format; and

     forwarding the data to be used.

20   8.   The method of Claim 7 wherein the requesting step is performed by a first logical volume manager (LVM).

9.   The method of Claim 8 wherein the request is sent to a second LVM.

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10.   The method of Claim 9 wherein the converting step is performed by the first LVM.

11.   A computer program product on a computer readable
30   medium for storing data into two incompatibly formatted storage systems comprising:

code means for determining whether the data is to be stored into the two incompatibly formatted storage systems; and

5   code means for forwarding the data to the two incompatibly formatted storage systems for storage if so determined, each one of the two incompatibly formatted storage systems being managed by a logical volume manager (LVM).

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12.   A computer program product on a computer readable medium for storing data into two incompatibly formatted storage systems comprising:

15   first code means for forwarding the data to a first logical volume manager (LVM), the first LVM determining whether the data is to be stored into the two incompatibly formatted storage systems; and

20   second code means for forwarding the data to a second LVM for storage if so determined.

13.   A computer program product on a computer readable medium for reading data from an incompatibly formatted
25   storage system comprising:

code means for requesting the data from the incompatibly formatted storage system;

30   code means for converting the data into a compatible format; and

code means for forwarding the data to be used.

14. An apparatus for storing data into two incompatibly formatted storage systems comprising:

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means for determining whether the data is to be stored into the two incompatibly formatted storage systems; and

10 means for forwarding the data to the two incompatibly formatted storage systems for storage if so determined, each one of the two incompatibly formatted storage systems being managed by a logical volume manager (LVM).

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15. An apparatus for storing data into two incompatibly formatted storage systems comprising:

first means for forwarding the data to a first logical
20 volume manager (LVM), the first LVM determining whether the data is to be stored into the two incompatibly formatted storage systems; and

second means for forwarding the data to a second LVM
25 for storage if so determined.

16. An apparatus for reading data from an incompatibly formatted storage system comprising:

30 means for requesting the data from the incompatibly formatted storage system;

means for converting the data into a compatible format; and

means for forwarding the data to be used.

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17. A computer system for storing data into two incompatibly formatted storage systems comprising:

at least one storage device for storing code data; and

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at least one processor for processing the code data to determine whether the data is to be stored into the two incompatibly formatted storage systems and to forward the data to the two incompatibly formatted storage

15 systems for storage if so determined, each one of the two incompatibly formatted storage systems being managed by a logical volume manager (LVM).

18. A computer system for storing data into two
20 incompatibly formatted storage systems comprising:

at least one storage device for storing code data; and

at least one processor for processing the code data to
25 forward the data to a first logical volume manager (LVM), the first LVM determining whether the data is to be stored into the two incompatibly formatted storage systems and to forward the data to a second LVM for storage if so determined.

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19. A computer system for reading data from an incompatibly formatted storage system comprising:

at least one storage device for storing code data; and

5   at least one processor for processing the code data to request the data from the incompatibly formatted storage system, to convert the data into a compatible format and to forward the data to be used.

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